

October 26, 2020

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2020, Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden
Moderator Richard Green called the meeting to order at 7:01pm - attendance 51

ARTICLE 1 - PURCHASE OF A POLICE CRUISER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$25,000 and transfer from the Police Off Duty Account an additional \$25,000 to the Police Department for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 2 - REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to Tree Warden account 41.1 for removal of dead and hazardous trees in the public way.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 3 - REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by repealing Section 7.17 in its entirety.

2/3 Vote Declared

ARTICLE 4 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OPERATIONAL BASE BY-LAW

A motion to amend the Zoning By-Law, as presented in Article 4 the Warrant for the October 26, 2020 Special Town Meeting, that line 4.35 be added to the Table of Use Regulations to reflect the new principal use where the text of said new section has been distributed to the Town Meeting for reference, was seconded and approved by a declared 2/3 vote.

The Town voted to add the following sections to the Hampden Zoning By-Law as amended.

Table of Use:

6.0 Table of Use Regulations

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Section 7.20 – EMT Operational Base

An EMT Operational Base may contain, for the use of the EMTs working there, a sleeping/rest area, lavatories, and cooking and eating accommodations. An EMT Operational Base shall not be used as living quarters or as a permanent residence.

All ambulance(s) in use at an EMT Operational Base shall be garaged inside the building. There shall be no repair or servicing of vehicle(s) allowed at an EMT Operational Base.

Per ambulance garaged at an EMT Operational Base, there shall be three parking spaces designated for the exclusive use of the EMTs working there. Any lighting of the parking area must comply with the Zoning Bylaw.

Any signs located at the EMT Operational Base will require the approval of the Building Inspector. Such signs that are along a public way must be set back to ensure safe egress from the EMT Operational Base to the public way.

Any auxiliary power shall be located to the rear of the building.

Section 2: Definitions

Emergency Medical Technician or EMT: a person trained in and responsible for the administration of specialized emergency care and the transportation of victims of acute illness or injury to a medical facility in compliance with national standards developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

EMT Operational Base: A building where operational ambulance(s) are garaged and where EMTs work shift duties.

2/3rds Vote Declared

ARTICLE 5 - CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Conservation fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 6 - AUTHORIZATION FOR P.I.L.O.T. FOR GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payment-in-lieu of personal property taxes agreement for a term of twenty years with the lessee/operator of a solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed at the rear of Somers Road (Parcel ID: 02-004-000) upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 7 - FUNDING FOR FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Town voted to transfer \$47,500 from the Overlay Reserve account for Fire House improvements.

Majority (2/3) Vote Declared

ARTICLE 8 - SHORT TERM DEBT

The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$190,000 for the purpose of reducing short term debt.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 9 - RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 10 - TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

The Town voted to transfer \$175,000 from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

Majority Vote Declared

ARTICLE 11 - REDUCING THE TAX RATE

The Town voted to transfer \$70,670 from unappropriated available funds to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate in Fiscal 2021.

Majority Vote Declared

A motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:29pm was seconded and approved.

Majority Vote Declared